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March 15, 2005

Abbas Aminmansour, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Aminmansour:

Enclosed are copies of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to rename and revise the Interdisciplinary Minor in Russian and East European Studies.

This proposal has been approved by The College of Liberal Arts and Science Executive Committee; it now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Marshall, Ph.D.
Associate Provost

Enclosures

c: C. Livingstone
A. Mester
A. Poehls

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Dear Keith:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula, Academic Affairs Committee, Executive Committee and the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposals:

Renaming and revising the LAS Science and Letters Curriculum in Russian and East European Studies

Renaming and revising the Interdisciplinary Minor in Russian and East European Studies

Please address all correspondence concerning these proposals to me. These proposals are now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation Fall 2005.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Mester
Assistant Dean

C: Professor Donna Buchanan

PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL:

Renaming and revising the Interdisciplinary Minor in Russian and East European Studies

SPONSOR:

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (new name approved by Senate and Board of Trustees, March 2004)

Donna Buchanan, Associate Professor and Director, 3-1244 / buchana1@uiuc.edu

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Rename minor "Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies"

Revise language requirement to read: "The equivalent of three semesters of college language study in Russian or another language of Eastern Europe or Eurasia." The current minimum is four semesters.

JUSTIFICATION:

1. Rename minor "Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies": a) the Senate and BOT approved the new name of the Center; it is thus logical that the name of the minor change as well; b) more substantively, changing the name of the minor is motivated by the same logic that motivated changing the name of the Center: Since the collapse of the Soviet Union more than a decade ago, the term Russia can no longer (if it ever could) reasonably stand for all the former Soviet states. As a result, throughout the profession, it has become common to use the term Eurasia to refer to the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union, especially the Caucasus and Central Asia (the Baltic states, Belarus, Ukraine, and Moldova are often now defined as "Eastern Europe"), as well as to adjacent, non-Soviet-governed Central Asian territories (which the REES major has long included in its studies). This new name makes clear our continued inclusion in the minor of these non-Russian Eurasian areas. This change has been approved by the REEEC Executive Committee.

2. Three semesters of language is sufficient background for a minor in this area. We hope this new requirement will attract students from other curricula. For students who may satisfy the LAS language requirement with a non-REEE language, this new requirement still requires serious engagement with a language of the region (i.e., 3 semesters of study), but makes the requirement less difficult to accomplish within the context of their major degree program.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

a. Additional staff and dollars needed: Number of minors may increase, but this should not be a burden for the Center or have noticeable impact on course enrollments.

b. Internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.).
Main effect: more students for the director to advise.

c. Effect on course enrollment in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments. None expected, though some increase in enrollments in Slavic languages might be noticed. We have discussed this with the Head of Slavic Languages and Literature (who is on Center Executive Committee), who does not anticipate a problem.

d. Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc. None

GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies minor, as revised, continues in an enhanced way to meet the guidelines for undergraduate education. As an interdisciplinary minor, REES continues to encourage students to develop their abilities "to read and listen intelligently, write and speak coherently, observe and respond critically to a variety of forms of communication; think clearly, critically, and creatively; think quantitatively and qualitatively; and acquire an attitude which reflects curiosity, a desire to continue to learn, a respect for evidence, a tolerance of disagreement, and a positive acceptance of change."

As a curriculum focusing on the study of a large and diverse part of the world, the minor helps give students an understanding of "a culture foreign to him (or her)."

As the minor is a flexible one, students, working closely with the BA advisor (the director of the Center) develop a program of studies that best prepares them for their chosen professions while remaining sufficiently diverse to encourage a variety of career possibilities.

CLEARANCES:

Donna A. Furber

Date: 10/20/2004

Sponsor and Department Head

Ann M. West

Date: 2/4/05

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Date: _____

Provost Office

STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

See attachment

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2005.

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog:

Interdisciplinary Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

The interdisciplinary minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies allows students in diverse fields to complement their programs with a study of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia. Programs of study can be tailored to the needs and interests of individual students, in consultation with the undergraduate adviser.

E-mail: reec@uiuc.edu

Web address for department: <http://www.reec.uiuc.edu>

Hours	Requirements
6-8	The equivalent of three semesters of college-level language study in Russian or another language of Eastern Europe or Eurasia. This stipulation may be satisfied through partial fulfillment of the LAS two-year language requirement if a regionally appropriate language is chosen for that purpose. If a non-REEE language is selected to meet the LAS requirement, then the 3 semesters of REEE language study specified here must be taken in addition to those completed to satisfy the LAS requirement. Only those hours earned in the second and third semester of language study are calculated into the degree, as the first semester represents a prerequisite for the other two.
15	Courses on Russia, Eastern Europe, or Eurasia from at least three different academic units. ¹ (Literature courses are acceptable for this requirement; language courses are not.) No more than 6 hours may be counted from any one unit; 6 hours must be at the 300- or 400-level.
21	Total hours ²

¹ The Center maintains a list of applicable courses.

² No more than 9 hours may be taken at the 100-level.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

1. Rename major "Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies."
2. Clarify wording of language requirement to read "Completion of three years of college-level study of Russian or another language of Eastern Europe or Eurasia, or equivalent proficiency."
3. Add new course requirement: REES 201 Introduction to Eastern Europe.
4. Increase the number of hours of Component 2 to 24 hours.
5. Decrease the number of hours of Component 3 to 18 hours.

JUSTIFICATION:

1. Rename major "Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies": a) the Senate and BOT approved the new name of the Center; it is thus logical that the name of the major change as well; b) more substantively, changing the name of the major is motivated by the same logic that motivated changing the name of the Center: Since the collapse of the Soviet Union more than a decade ago, the term Russia can no longer (if it ever could) reasonably stand for all of the former Soviet states. As a result, throughout the profession, it has become common to use the term Eurasia to refer to the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union, especially the Caucasus and Central Asia (the Baltic states, Belarus, Ukraine, and Moldova are often now defined as "Eastern Europe"), as well as to adjacent, non-Soviet-governed Central Asian territories (which the REES major has long included in its studies). This new name makes clear our continued inclusion in the major of these non-Russian Eurasian areas. This change has been approved by the REEEC Executive Committee.
2. The current wording of the language requirement is "Two courses in advanced conversation and/or composition (beyond the level specified by the LAS language requirement) in Russian or another language of Eastern Europe or the former Soviet Union, or equivalent proficiency. (Students considering graduate work in this field are advised to continue language study beyond these 6 additional hours.)" Students have found this wording confusing. The clarified statement proposed here has been approved by the REEEC Executive Committee, which includes a representative of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature.

3. Add new course requirement: REES 201 Introduction to Eastern Europe. To ensure that students in the major study the whole region, not just Russia, as some have done in the past, we have created a new course that parallels our current requirement of REES 200 Introduction to Russia and Eurasia. This course has been approved by the Senate; this new requirement to the major has been approved by the REEEC Executive Committee.
4. This increases the major to the 30-hour minimum required for the LAS major.
5. This will allow campus-wide minors to satisfy the Supporting Coursework requirement.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed: Title VI funding will pay for the staffing of REES 201 pursuant to continued support of this course by the Department of Education. Should external funding change, we would redesign the course accordingly and/or find alternative means of staffing it.
- b. Internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.). Faculty who coordinate the new course requirement have agreed to do this on an overload basis or to negotiate course relief with their department. The course is composed of thematic sessions taught by various members of the faculty, so the work of the primary instructor is largely coordinating.
- c. Effect on course enrollment in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments. None expected, though we have discussed all of these changes with faculty representatives (on our Executive Committee) of key departments: history, political science, sociology, Slavic languages and literature, music.
- d. Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc. None

GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies major, as revised, continues in an enhanced way to meet the guidelines for undergraduate education. As a rigorous interdisciplinary major requiring two relatively small courses (REES 200 and 201) and a senior seminar as well as course work in at least 3 different disciplines, it encourages students to develop their abilities "to read and listen intelligently, write and speak coherently, observe and respond critically to a variety of forms of communication; think clearly, critically, and creatively; think quantitatively and qualitatively; and acquire an attitude which reflects curiosity, a desire to continue to learn, a respect for evidence, a tolerance of disagreement, and a positive acceptance of change."

By focusing on the study of a large and diverse part of the world, the REEES major—especially with the added REES 201 course—helps give students "a deep understanding" of "a culture foreign to him (or her)."

As the major is a flexible one, students, working closely with the BA adviser (the director of the center), develop a program of studies that best prepares them for their chosen professions while remaining sufficiently diverse to encourage a variety of career possibilities.

CLEARANCES: (Clearances should include signatures [sponsor, department head, dean] and dates of approval)

Donna A. Buchanan

Date: 10/20/2004

Sponsor and Department Head (Donna Buchanan)

Ann M. Malt

Date: 2/4/05

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Date: _____

Provost Office

STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

See attachment.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2005 (REES 201 requirement will apply only to students entering the major after the date these changes are approved).

Statement for the Programs of Study Catalog:

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

www.reec.uiuc.edu

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center sponsors an interdisciplinary major and minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. These programs involve students in the study of an important and complex world area in a manner that draws together the approaches of different disciplines, while at the same time building knowledge in a single discipline. A student will construct an individual program of study, depending on the student's interests and career goals, in consultation with the Center's undergraduate adviser.

Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

E-mail: reec@uiuc.edu

Degree title: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Minimum required major and supporting courses equate to 46 hours.

General education: The LAS General Education requirements are set up so students automatically complete the Campus General Education requirements.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

Departmental distinction: To qualify for departmental distinction, a student must have at least a 3.5 GPA in the courses taken for Component 2 (see below) and must complete a senior thesis in consultation with a faculty member affiliated with the Center. Students who wish to qualify for distinction in this major should consult with the Center director at the beginning of the junior year or earlier to prepare a suitable plan.

Hours	Requirements
6	Component 1: Completion of three years of college-level study of Russian or another language of Eastern Europe or Eurasia, or equivalent proficiency. This stipulation may be partially satisfied through fulfillment of the LAS two-year language requirement if a regionally appropriate language is chosen for that purpose. A third year of study, however, is demanded beyond this. If a non-Russian, East European or Eurasian language is selected to meet the LAS requirement, then the three years of Russian, East European or Eurasian language study specified here must be taken in addition to those completed to satisfy the LAS requirement. Only the hours earned in the third, most advanced year of language study are calculated into the degree here, as these represent proficiency beyond that required by all LAS BA degree programs and as the first two years of language study are a prerequisite for the third.

24	Component 2: Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies core courses, including:
	REES 200—Intro to Russia and Eurasia
	REES 201—Introduction to Eastern Europe
	REES 495—Senior Seminar
	15 hours: Choose one course from each of three departments other than the department used for component 3 below. The courses comprising the remaining hours of component 2 may be from the same discipline as those under component 3; however, a course may be counted toward the total for only one component. ¹ Language courses that concentrate on the basic skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing cannot be counted as part of this component.
18	Component 3: Courses in a single discipline. Among those disciplines that are most commonly used with this specialization are anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, Slavic language and literature, and sociology. ² Among disciplines also used are business administration, comparative literature, education, English, fine arts, French, German, journalism, linguistics, mathematics, music, philosophy, psychology, and various natural sciences. Others are permitted. Consult your adviser.

¹ The Center maintains a list of applicable courses.

² If foreign language courses are used for component 3, the 18 hours must be taken in addition to the 3 years of college-level Russian, East European or Eurasian language study outlined under component 1 above.

Twelve hours of 300- or 400- level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

All foreign language requirements must be satisfied.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60–75 hours). Please see your adviser.